

Return to Play Plan: Outdoor Organized Athletic Activities



Overview

The City of Tempe Parks & Recreation Division supports the return of athletics and competitive sports. The following plan provides guidance and recommendations to safely resume restricted athletic activity in our parks, fields, courts, and outdoor pools. This plan will be updated as new information from local, county, state and federal authorities becomes available.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes the physical and mental benefits of physical activity particularly in this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. Organized physical activity will be reintroduced in a manner that follows guidelines established by public health authorities such as the CDC, ADHS, etc. to reduce the spread of illness amongst athletes, coaches, staff, and the community. This plan outlines mitigation strategies for specific types of organized outdoor athletic activities. Organizations will be required to submit their plan to the City before organized play may resume.

Mitigation Strategies

Requestors must submit a **Return to Play Plan** at time of reservation submittal. This plan must indicate what mitigation strategies will be used to prevent the spread of infection:

- Occupancy
- Hand Hygiene
- Respiratory Etiquette
- Cleaning & Disinfection
- Symptom Screening
- Physical Distancing
- Face Coverings
- Include messaging to advising all players, referees, coaches and spectators to stay at home is sick or if they were recently exposed (within 14 days) to a person with COVID-19.
- No beer permits will be issued for any outdoor organized athletic reservation at this time
- Failure to comply with the mitigation strategies could result in cancellation of all current and future reservations.

For additional CDC guidance:

https://azgovernor.gov/sites/default/files/guidance_for_organized_youth_events.pdf

- **Athletic Field Restrictions**
 - 50 participants per field maximum including all players, referees, coaches and spectators
 - Spectators must always remain physically distant (6ft)
 - Face coverings must be worn by all players (not actively playing), referees, coaches and spectators
 - No socializing on the field or in the parking lot after the activity ends
 - No games or tournaments that exceed 50 people per field
 - No vendors
 - No close contact sports such as but not limited to football, lacrosse, soccer, etc.

- **Volleyball Court Restrictions**

- 10 participants per court maximum including all players, referees and coaches
- Spectators must always remain physically distant (6ft)
- Spectators or waiting players, must wait off the courts
- Face coverings must be worn by all players (not actively playing), referees, coaches and spectators
- No socializing on the court or in the parking lot after the activity ends
- No tournaments
- No vendors

- **Tennis Courts**

- 8 participants on court maximum including all players, referees, coaches and spectators
- Spectators must always remain physically distant (6ft)
- Face coverings must be worn by all players (not actively playing), referees, coaches and spectators
- No socializing on the court or in the parking lot after the activity ends
- Spectators or waiting players, must wait off the courts
- No tournaments
- No vendors

- **Outdoor Pools**

- 24 participants per permit maximum including all swimmers and coaches (no spectators allowed)
- Participants must remain physically distant (6ft) in and out of the water
 - Only one (1) swimmer per lane when in the water
- Face coverings must be worn by all swimmers (not actively swimming or in the water) and coaches
- No socializing on the deck or in the parking lot after the activity ends
- No swim meets
- No vendors